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BASIC-ABSTRACT:

NOVELTY - Use of an alkali-free silicon, magnesium and heavy alkaline earth metal oxide mixture, for a high thermal expansion coefficient glass-ceramic joint material, is new.

DETAILED DESCRIPTION - An alkali-free oxide mixture, containing 35-55% SiO2, 20-50% MgO and at least 5% total (not more than 15% each) of one or more of CaO, SrO and BaO, is used as a glass-ceramic joint material or for producing such a material having a thermal expansion coefficient of at least 10 multiply 10-6 K-1 for high temperature use.

USE - Used as a joint material in a high temperature fuel cell (claimed) or more generally as a glass-ceramic solder for joining metals, alloys and/or other materials having a thermal expansion coefficient (at 20-950 deg. C) of about 12 multiply 10-6 K-1.

ADVANTAGE - The material has a high temperature of use (up to at least 950 deg. C, especially up to 1100 deg. C), a uniform thermal expansion coefficient of at least 10 multiply 10-6 K-1 (especially 12 multiply 10-6 K-1) and good insulating properties.